

Cornelius Van Cott, postmaster of New York, died, on the 25th, of heart failure.

Russia and France have daily refused to take part in President Roosevelt's proposed peace conference.

Dan Patch, the great pacing horse, broke the world's time record for a mile at Memphis, Tenn., on the 25th. Time, 1:54 feet.

Catholics of Milan, Italy, have decided to take part in the approaching elections, in spite of advice to the contrary given by the Vatican.

The trial of Dr. Watson at New London, Mo., on the charge of murdering his wife, was continued, on the 25th, at the instance of the state, until January 22.

The United States supreme court has been asked to decide whether pig lead is contraband of war, and the question was argued before that tribunal on the 25th.

Mrs. Ray M. Krauss pleaded guilty at Hartford City, Ind., on the 25th, to the murder of her step-daughter, and was given a life sentence in the penitentiary.

The Japanese made another fierce assault on Port Arthur, on the 25th, capturing two more forts. A Russian battleship in the harbor is said to have been badly damaged.

Workmen tearing down a bluff on the Missouri river front at the foot of Lydia street, Kansas City, Mo., on the 25th, came upon the skull of a mastodon with seven-foot tusks.

Reports received on the 25th show that the Russian squadron fired on at least two merchant vessels in the course of their voyage through the North sea and the English channel.

Ed Geers, the veteran driver and trainer, was thrown from a sulky at Billings park, Memphis, Tenn., on the 25th. One leg was broken, and it is feared that the other was also fractured.

The Iowa Baptist convention, in session at Marshalltown, on the 25th, is strong resolutions, declared against the divorce bill. The ministers pledged themselves to marry only innocent parties.

Notices were posted at Mahanoy City, Pa., on the 25th, announcing a suspension of work at the collieries of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal & Iron Co., in the Schuylkill region, until further orders.

Judge Alton B. Parker, the democratic candidate for president, will make three speeches in three states, according to an announcement made, on the 25th, by the democratic national committee.

A broken rail caused the derailment of Missouri Pacific passenger train No. 42, three miles west of Neal, Kas., on the 25th, resulting in the injury of 26 persons, only eight of whom were seriously hurt.

During the absence from home of the parents, three small children of Jesse Owens, a well-to-do farmer living near Corleas, Okla., were burned to death, on the 25th, in a fire which destroyed the house.

The benefit performance given, on the 25th, by the theatrical managers of St. Louis in Exposition music hall for the Police Hero fund was one of the most successful affairs ever given for charity in that city.

Col. W. F. Cody returned to America from England, on the 25th, accompanied by Chief Iron Tail and a band of Sioux Indians. At an entertainment on the steamer, a feature of the programme was a war dance, in which 50 of the Indians took part.

A dispatch from Hull to the London Times, on the 25th, says that the correspondent, as the result of his investigation, is of the opinion that the attack on the British trawlers by the Russian second Pacific squadron was a deliberate act, perpetrated with knowledge of its character.

Fewer's concert hall, on West Madison street, Chicago, was destroyed by fire, on the night of the 25th. The fire started at the rear of the stage, and caused the death of Henry Schlatter by suffocation, and Michael Burns and Charles Frair were badly burned. Burns will probably die.

Admiral Rojestvensky, who arrived at Vigo, Spain, on the 25th, says that his squadron was attacked by torpedo boats in the North sea; that he saw no fishermen and did not know any damage was done. His story differs in several details from that told by another officer of his squadron.

War between Russia and Great Britain has been averted, and the settlement of the only points in dispute regarding the attack by the Russian second Pacific squadron on British trawlers on October 21 has been referred to an international commission, under The Hague convention.

The Sen and Fox Indians in eastern Oklahoma have voted to retain their Indian lands rather than accept the Indian department's ruling in regard to their sale. The money received from the sale is to be kept by the agents and paid to the Indians at the rate of \$10 per month. It is this feature to which the Indians object.

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## CURRENT TOPICS.

## THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

## PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

Great Britain has taken a leaf from the American book in formulating demands upon Russia for reparation for the North sea outrage, and the direct and unmistakable tenor of the demands is rather startling to Russian officialdom, accustomed to evasiveness.

In a fight between Barney Doss and his son, near Nebraska City, Neb., on the 25th, the latter was mortally wounded. The father was also badly bruised.

About thirty persons were injured at Seattle, Wash., on the 25th, in two head-on collisions in a fog on the Montan and the University electric lines.

Stockdale, Tex., was swept by a tornado on the 24th. Several buildings, including the Methodist church, were demolished.

The steamship Massachusetts, bound for New Orleans, was wrecked, on the 25th, in the old Bahama channel.

Snow fell at Marquette, Mich., on the 25th.

Nebraska day was celebrated, on the 25th, at the World's fair.

The wrecking of a freight train on the Michigan division of the Big Four railroad at Jonesboro, Ind., on the 25th, resulted in the death of fireman Henry A. Tolman, aged 36, of Fostoria, O., and seriously injuring Engineer Nibley and Fireman Meyers.

Warrants were issued at Kansas City, Mo., on the 25th, for 25 negroes by the county prosecutor, charging them with illegal registration. The penalty for the crime is from two to five years in the penitentiary.

Fire, on the 25th, did damage to the amount of \$39,000 in the pattern shop and brass foundry of the Neff & Levy ship yard on the Delaware river, in the northwestern section of Philadelphia.

Tension increases as time passes without a definite settlement of the situation created by the Russian blunder in the North sea.

Creditors of W. H. Harrison, of St. Joseph, Mo., have placed him in control of the grain elevators he formerly owned.

Louis Harmon, one of the trio of robbers who murdered George Geyer, a farmer near Alton, O., a year ago, was electrocuted in the annex of the Ohio penitentiary, on the 25th, shortly after midnight.

The master of the Norwegian steamer Skarred reports from London that he was fired upon by a Russian ship, on October 23, in the English channel.

The great New York subway was closed to the public, on the 25th, and from "city hall to Harlem in 15 minutes" became a reality.

Fire, which was discovered on the 25th, partly destroyed pier No. 7, between Forty-first and Forty-second street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

A good portion of northern New York state was covered with two inches of snow on the 25th.

President Roosevelt was 46 years old on the 25th.

It is said that the chime of bells in the German building at the World's fair in St. Louis has been purchased by a wealthy merchant of Reading, Pa., for presentation to the Catholic church.

The Japanese minister in London, Baron Hayashi, declares that it was impossible for any Japanese torpedo boat to have been where the Russian admiral reports them to have been.

He also denies that ships had been chartered to menace the Russian squadron in its passage through the North sea.

Dispatches from Russian sources credit the Japanese with renewing the fight in the vicinity of Mukden, the Japanese right moving against the Russians and taking Pen Diagu and two adjacent Russian positions.

The Official Messenger, of St. Petersburg, gazettes the appointment of Gen. Kuropatkin to the command of all the forces, naval and military, in the far east.

A terrific explosion occurred at mine No. 2 of the Rock Mountain Fuel & Iron Co., at Terrell, 40 miles due west of Trinidad, Col., on the 25th, and the number of dead is variously placed between thirty and sixty men.

Joe Walcott, a negro pugilist, was held for the grand jury, on the 25th, in \$2,500 bail, on a charge of manslaughter in connection with the killing of another negro in a Boston suburb recently.

Gen. Kuroki, on the 25th, reported routing a Russian detachment and driving the enemy from his last position south of the Shakhe river.

Senator Charles W. Fairbanks, republican candidate for vice-president, closed his Missouri campaign by speaking in St. Louis on the 25th.

Premier Balfour, on the 25th, declared that the Russian version of the Hull affair was a threat at Great Britain's national honor.

Ex-Gov. George K. Nash, of Ohio, dropped dead in the bath room of his home at Columbus, on the 25th.

Missouri University day was celebrated, on the 25th, at the World's fair.

Two violent earthquake shocks were felt at Meado, Kas., on the 25th.

President Roosevelt, on the 25th, forcefully replied to the letter sent to him recently by James N. Tyner.

The port authorities of Bremen have officially reported to the German government the firing on the German fishing vessel Sonntag by Russian warships, October 21, off Hama's reef.

Eight men were injured, two of whom will probably die, by an explosion of gas in Egyptian coal mine No. 2, at Harriburg, Ill., on the evening of the 25th.

Rev. George Frederick Kettell was drowned off Sparrow's Point, Baltimore, Md., on the 25th, in a mysterious manner. It is not clear whether it was accident or suicide. The body was not recovered.

Prof. R. M. Washburn, head of the dairy department of the Missouri university college of agriculture, warns the 500,000 Missourians engaged in dairy farming to organize against the interests which are striving to secure the repeal of the oleomargarine bill of 1902.

A riot in the Spanish chamber of deputies, on the 25th, ended in a dismissal of the session, and it is reported that Premier Maurri will defer further sittings of the chamber for the present. During the riot, instigators were thrown at the vice-president of the chamber, and the clerks and attendants protected the president.

Katreme simplicity marked the last rites over the body of the late George Kilbom Nash, former governor of Ohio, on the 30th. The body lay in state in the Broad street Presbyterian church, at Columbus, for more than an hour preceding the funeral, and several thousand people viewed the features of the dead jurist and statesman.

Secretary Hay, at the instance of President Roosevelt, has issued a circular note to representatives of the powers signatory to the first peace conference at The Hague, inviting them to assemble for the consideration of those larger general problems confronting all that were at that time left over for future settlement.

Because he owed 30 cents to him on a gambling debt, Nicholas Sabba, a Syrian grocer of New York, on the 25th, shot and killed Mike Azza, also a Syrian, of New York, in the Moorish street in Jerusalem, at the World's fair grounds in St. Louis.

Advices from Cauca, on the 25th, report that there is great discontent there and throughout Colombia. Apparently President Rivas, with his political enemies in the majority in both houses of congress, cannot control the situation.

Three persons were killed and 23 injured in a rear-end collision, on the 30th, between section No. 2 and section No. 1 of train No. 3, Missouri Pacific World's fair special, at Tipton, Mo.

Up to the 25th, no bodies had been taken out of the mine at Terrell, Col., where an explosion entombed 42 miners on October 25.

An operation for appendicitis was performed on Japanese Minister Kogoro Takahira in a hotel in New York city on the 30th.

The state accountant of Kansas made a report on the school fund on the 25th, and finds a shortage of \$11,394 to exist.

The Russian inquiry into the North sea affair opened at Vigo, Spain, on the 25th.

De Bull announced that bulletins would be issued every three hours for several days.

A majority of the prizes in the World's fair poultry show have been won by westerners.

The Michigan Agricultural society has bought the Michigan state building at the World's fair.

John Ferr, 75 years old, fell dead in a St. Louis restaurant, where he had gone for his breakfast.

The National Millers' federation, with \$200,000 capital, has begun a crusade against the adulteration of foodstuffs.

Constable William B. Davis, of Belleville, Ill., has been arrested in East St. Louis on a charge of soliciting a bribe.

Cornelius Shindas, general manager of the Lake Superior corporation at Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., died suddenly from heart failure.

William J. Bryan has returned to Nebraska, and will spend his time from now on until election day making speeches in that state.

The St. Louis board of charity has decided to place the school at the house of refuge under the direction of the St. Louis board of education.

Senator Charles W. Fairbanks, republican candidate for vice-president, closed his Missouri campaign by speaking in St. Louis Friday night.

The trial of Dr. Watson, at New London, Mo., on the charge of murdering his wife, was continued, at the instance of the state, until January 22.

After searching many cities for their runaway daughter, John G. Madigan and wife, of Des Moines, Ia., found her grave in Calvary cemetery.

The St. Louis police department has adopted the finger-print system to be used in the identification of criminals in conjunction with the Bertillon system now in use.

Informations have been filed by District Attorney Low, at Pueblo, Col., charging Mrs. N. E. Browne and Mrs. H. P. Hall with illegal registration. They have disappeared.

J. E. Landameo, a Filipino student at the Yale forestry school, was not allowed to register at New Haven, Conn., because as Landameo was not native-born, it was necessary for him to become naturalized before he could vote.

## PORT ARTHUR'S SORRY PLIGHT

According to Private Advice the Garrison is in Hard Straits.

## THE FORCE REDUCED ONE-HALF

Gen. Simonoff, it is said, would surrender, but Gen. Stossel prefers to fight it out to the bitter end.

Shanghai, Oct. 29.—A private letter from Port Arthur, dated October 21, received here to-day, says:

"Gen. Stossel has instilled the garrison of the beleaguered fortress with the spirit that to court a glorious death is preferable to capitulation."

"The Japanese shells are inflicting great damage to the Russian fleet in the harbor and to the fortifications."

"The arsenal with its contents of ammunition and small arms has been destroyed, and preparations are being made for the last deadly struggle at close quarters."

"The water supply having been cut off, wells are being sunk."

"Provisions are scarce and only tinned meats being left. The soldiers hold gala feasts on horses killed by the shells."

"Gen. Simonoff, it is said, would surrender, but is overruled by Gen. Stossel."

"Certain troops included in the garrison have to be closely watched at present for fear of desertion or treachery."

"The field and naval hospitals are crowded, and hygienic conditions are becoming desperate. The bombardment at times is so incessant that it is impossible to bury the dead to any depth."

"Over one-half of the original garrison is dead, wounded or sick."

"The high angle at which their artillery fire is directed by the Japanese has practically destroyed the new town."

"When the fleet attempted to break through the blockade some time ago the garrison was to have made a desperate sortie and inflict as much damage as possible and, if necessary, capitulate. The failure of the fleet to escape frustrated this plan."

"The besiegers are pressing closer daily, and it is hard to say how long we can hold out. When the end comes there will be a desperate fight and surprise. Thousands of the enemy will perish, as everything is mined."

"This letter was entrusted to a native boatman who ran the blockade and mailed it at Che Foo."

The recipient is a prominent continental business man of this city, with a branch house at Port Arthur.

DESPERATE ATTACK BEGUN.

Japanese Making Desperate Attacks on Port Arthur Defenses.

Tokio, Oct. 28.—4:30 p. m.—It is reported that the Japanese opened a desperate attack on the eastern forts of the Korean group, north of Port Arthur, during the morning of October 25, and silenced the Russian batteries. A shell exploded the Russian magazines.

Simultaneously the Japanese attacked the forts on Rihlung mountain and Senghohowan mountain, silenced the Russian batteries and stormed and occupied the forts in front of those mountains. On the night of October 25 there was a conflagration in Old Port Arthur, and on October 27 a shell hit the Russian battleship Sevastopol and two Russian steamers were sunk.

Official confirmation of the above is lacking, but the reports are believed to be true.

INDIANA WOMAN INJURED.

Mrs. Wm. D. McLean, of Freeport, Ind., Probably Fatally Injured by a St. Louis Automobile.

St. Louis, Oct. 29.—In an attempt to recover her hat which had blown from her head, Mrs. William D. McLean, of Freeport, Ind., a World's fair visitor, was run over by an automobile at Twenty-eighth and Locust streets Friday morning, and it is thought sustained fatal injuries.

Mrs. McLean was picked up unconscious and had not regained a normal state when she reached the city hospital.

IDENTIFIED AS A CROOK.

"Lawrence Rayner," of Colorado, Shot in St. Louis, Thursday, Is Robert P. Cannon.

St. Louis, Oct. 29.—Lawrence Rayner of Colorado, who was shot by Policeman Thomas White of the Eighth district, Thursday, while resisting arrest, has been identified by Detective Lee Killian as Robert P. Cannon. He is wanted in Newark, N. J., and is a partner of William A. Morris, who is under arrest there for various crimes.

Warships Finish Coaling.

Vigo, Spain, Oct. 29.—The Russian warships finished coaling Friday, but no preparations for their departure are visible. It is reported that Admiral Rojestvensky has received an important cipher message from St. Petersburg.

Finally Admits His Guilt.

Guthrie, Okla., Oct. 29.—After maintaining his innocence for two years, Silas Hunsaker, an ex-Missouri preacher, pleaded guilty at South McAlester to murdering his wife. He received a life sentence.

## MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

Dr. Smith Acquitted.

The jury in the case of Dr. Warren Smith, who was charged with the murder of Harry Miller at Benton, last March, brought in a verdict of not guilty at Benton. The deliberations of the jury consumed but an hour, and it is learned that most of that time was taken up in carefully reading the instructions given by the court. Its members were practically of one mind when they retired from the courtroom.

When the verdict was read those attending the trial applauded. Dr. Smith received it calmly, and after shaking hands with the members of the jury retired. Dr. Smith's bearing upon the stand when he testified in his own behalf was admirable. The story of Miller's playing and drinking wine in his drug store and of his becoming sick was told simply. The physician contradicted the testimony of Ivory Jackson, Miller's servant, who swore that Smith remained with his employer until three on the morning of his death. Smith said he left Miller's home before midnight, and in this statement was corroborated by Mrs. John Heister, who saw him on the way to his home.

She Was "Easy."

Mrs. Jessie Anderson, of Muskogee, I. T., was drugged and robbed of \$1,745 by two new-found friends, a man and his wife, in Kansas City. The thieves were arrested, but returned \$1,300 to Mrs. Anderson with the understanding that she would not prosecute, hence they were released. Mrs. Anderson came to Kansas City for medical treatment. For eight years she worked as a cook in railroad camps, and the money represented her savings.

Grade Crossings at Kirkwood.

Citizens of Kirkwood have petitioned the board of aldermen to require the Missouri Pacific railroad to lower its tracks through the city in order that the streets may be laid overhead. Webster avenue, the main thoroughfare through the place, is crossed by two main tracks and a number of side tracks on grade, and the danger and delay to traffic prompted the petitioners to ask the board to take action.

Find Skull of Mastodon.

Workmen tearing down a bluff on the Missouri river front, at Kansas City, came upon to skull of a mastodon with seven-foot tusks. It is not known whether the whole skeleton is in the bluff, as work was discontinued, to be resumed carefully, with a view to saving the remains. Portions of another mastodon skeleton were found in the same clay bank four years ago.

Washburn Warns Dairywomen.

A statement has been issued by Prof. R. M. Washburn, head of the dairy department of the Missouri university college of agriculture, warning the 500,000 Missourians engaged in dairy farming to organize against the interests which are striving to secure the repeal of the oleomargarine bill of 1902.

Serious Charges Against Negroes.

Warrants have been issued at Kansas City for 25 negroes, the charge being illegal registration. The penalties for the crime is from two to five years in the penitentiary. It is alleged that the negroes have been convicted of thefts in the past, and are, according to law, guilty of felony for registering.

Convicts Make Time.

The state binder twine factory at the penitentiary is now in operation. The machinery of the new factory is all in excellent condition, and the trial run was fully satisfactory. The manufacture of binder twine by the state of Missouri is now begun on an extensive scale.

Killed by Accidental Discharge.

John Dandy, a farmer living near Houston, took a double-barreled shotgun and went out looking for squirrels. When he stepped in his foot to cross the river his gun was discharged, the load striking him in the right side. He died in a few hours.

Her Fourth Attempt Fails.

Mrs. Walter C. Able, a would-be suicide, was rescued from the Mississippi river by Policeman James Dockery in St. Louis. It was her fourth attempt at self-destruction within two months. Dockery has patrolled a river boat for years, and has saved a dozen lives.

Gave Life for Horses.

While trying to save horses from a fire, William T. Kemball, a veterinary surgeon, was fatally burned at Mexico. Twenty-nine valuable horses were cremated in the flames, and the loss is estimated at \$50,000.

Despondent Man a Suicide.

Despondent over being out of employment, John Jasper hanged himself in the cellar of his home, in St. Louis, while his daughter and son were reading in the room above him.

Stole a Silk Dress.

Myrtle Haney was arrested by Marshal Secrest of Kirkwood on the charge of stealing a silk dress belonging to Mrs. Frank Parks, for whom she worked as a servant.

Salisbury Votes for Bonds.

At the city election at Salisbury, for the purpose of issuing bonds to the sum of \$20,000 for a system of waterworks, the proposition was carried.

School Bonds Reentered.

State Auditor Allen has registered for Grundy county five school district bonds of the denomination of \$200, bearing interest at 6 per cent.

Alleged Murderer Arrested.

William Harper, wanted at Chattanooga, Tenn., to answer a charge of murder, was arrested by Detectives Fox and Woodling in St. Louis.

## TRAINS COLLIDE AT TIPTON, MO.

Three Killed and Many Injured in Rear-End Collision.

## TRAIN WAS IN TWO SECTIONS

The Blame, According to Supt. Mo. R.R., Rests With the Engineer and Conductor of the Second Section.

Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 31.—Three persons were killed and 23 injured in a rear-end collision between section No. 2 and section No. 1 of train No. 3, Missouri Pacific World's fair special, at Tipton, Mo., early Sunday morning.

Train No. 3, on account of the heavy World's fair travel, was made up in two sections, the first leaving St. Louis for Kansas City Saturday night at 10:10 p. m. The second section left a few minutes later, and when it reached Tipton, section No. 1 was taking on passengers. According to Engineer Ramsey, of section No. 2, a headlight in the yards blinded him and he was unable to see section No. 1. He also says that his orders were "Clear ahead." The second section was running about 30 miles an hour when the collision occurred. The end sleeper of section No. 1 was entirely demolished and the second sleeper was overturned.

The Dead:

Mrs. Bright Walker, Lewisburg, Pa.; Mrs. Margaret Burke, Kansas City, J. W. Bagby, address unknown.

The Injured:

W. J. Black, general passenger agent of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad, collar bone broken, wrenched back and bruised.

Mrs. W. J. Black, Topeka, ankle broken, head badly bruised.

Thomas Richardson, Portland, Ore., injuries slight.

Mrs. Elizabeth Brown, Kansas City, head injured.

J. S. Caffee, St. Louis, serious.

W. H. Morrison, Sedan, Kan.; hip injured.

L. H. Stoner, New York, serious.

W. W. Manspeaker, Topeka, arm and leg injured.

J. C. Wiles, St. Louis, back broken.

Raymond Morrison, Sedan, Kas., hip injured.

L. B. Twined, New York, serious.

B. J. Maguire, Trenton, Mo., slight injuries.

G. McEnty, Niles, Mich., knee injured.